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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Many people share with me their concerns about **housing affordability**, and the need to **make our tax system fairer** for younger people and future generations. Addressing these significant long-term issues will require broad community support. I'm working to ensure Curtin voices are included in these important discussions.

In November, more than 200 people gathered to hear from **Dr Ken Henry AC**. We discussed how our tax system unfairly disadvantages young people, our structural deficit, the growing needs of an ageing population, and how tax incentives on housing are distorting the market. Dr Henry emphasised the need for tax reform and the challenges in making change when the major parties lack long-term vision.

I explored our community's views on tax and housing more deeply, using a new AI-driven digital tool called Remesh, to better understand 242 Curtin residents' views on negative gearing and capital gains tax reform. Around 90 percent of participants, including many who own an investment property, supported resetting tax incentives around housing, to give younger generations a chance to own their own home.

I have also recently visited Perth Inner City Youth Services (PICYS) in West Leederville. Community housing providers and services like this play an important role in providing housing and support when the private housing market is out of reach.

I will keep working with experts and our community to build support for solutions to address **housing fairness for our kids and grandkids**.



As this newsletter goes to print, Australians are reeling from the horrific terrorist attack at Bondi Beach on 14 December. This targeted violence towards Jewish Australians gathered in peaceful celebration was an attack on all Australians and our way of life.

By the time you read this, I hope that the Parliament has returned to Canberra to make the legislative changes needed to make this tragic event a turning point in our social cohesion.

The rise in antisemitism in Australia is unacceptable. Clearer leadership from the Government is required, to set the expectation that Australia is a country of tolerance and peace. It is then up to all of us to deliver on that promise.

As a nation, we must choose compassion over division. All Australians deserve to feel safe and valued. This is my hope for 2026.

Kate



Curtin community gathered to discuss tax reform.



In conversation with Ken Henry.



At the Australian Community Housing Forum.



With Andrew from PICYS in West Leederville.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet me at these local events – I want to hear from you!

#### COMMUNITY FORUMS

Monday 16 February 2026

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

FOUND

399 Hay Street, Subiaco

#### WHO DO YOU TRUST AND WHAT CAN YOU BELIEVE?

A discussion about information integrity in a world of misinformation and deepfakes with Executive Director of the Centre for Public Integrity Dr Catherine Williams.

Thursday 19 February

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Visit my Instagram and Facebook page for more Community Pop-ups and event updates.

### Curtin's Pathway to NETZERO

Two years ago, I published Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero, a positive vision of climate action in our community.

Next month, I will release a 'progress report' assessing federal, state, and

local governments' actions in the last two years across five key areas: Electricity, Buildings, Transport, Urban Greening, and Waste.



Sign up for your copy of the 'Pathway to Net Zero Progress Report' and an invitation to our launch event via this QR code.





## Pushing the national discussion on AI safety

**Artificial intelligence offers vast productivity opportunities, but not without risks.**

Informed by AI experts, locally and overseas, I produced my first AI Discussion Paper, which was released in November. The Discussion Paper makes the case for an AI Safety Institute.

In December, the Government announced its National AI Plan which includes an AI Safety Institute. I welcome the Plan, but I'm concerned about whether the AI Safety Institute will be adequately resourced and how long it will take before it is operational.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## Amending long-overdue environmental reforms

**The Parliament has passed major reforms to the Environment Protections and Biodiversity Conservation Act.**

Armed with expert advice and community support, I debated the government's proposed legislation moving 15 amendments to strengthen these laws to protect nature.

I was the only MP in the House of Representatives to successfully get an amendment accepted by the government, from 119 moved by the Crossbench. Another two of my amendments were substantially passed in the Senate.

I also held a community forum discussing the reforms and how Curtin contributed to these important changes.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS



GAMBLING REFORM

## Building support to reduce gambling harm

**To build support for gambling reform across the Parliament, I launched the Parliamentary Friends of Gambling Harm Minimisation with MPs from across the political spectrum.**

It has been more than 930 days since the Murphy Report was handed down with 31 recommendations for reform, including a ban on ads for online gambling. The government has not yet responded to the Report.

The gambling lobby is following the tobacco playbook and fighting reform, but public support for change continues to grow.

## Restoring trust and accountability

**I introduced a Bill to protect voters' personal information from being collected by political parties and candidates via the postal vote process.**

My Bill stops postal vote applications from being sent to the Australian Electoral Commission on behalf of voters by candidates or parties, strengthening the integrity of our electoral process and preventing the independence of the AEC from being undermined.

I've made inquiry submissions on the 2025 federal election and parliamentary behaviour standards, and I'll continue working with my crossbench colleagues to improve government accountability on lobbying, jobs for mates, and protecting the FOI process.



ACCOUNTABILITY

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GRANTS FUNDING

## Empowering local groups to be grants-ready

More than 70 people attended my free community grants workshop.

This informative session was designed to equip businesses, community groups and individuals in Curtin with the tools they need to be 'grant-ready'. Paddle WA (pictured) was recently successful in its grant application to buy new communications equipment to improve safety on the water.



My website has lots of grants resources, sign up to my monthly grants newsletter here.

## Championing the work of disability communities

As co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friends for Neurodivergent People, I was pleased to welcome neurodivergent people, parents and advocates to speak with MPs about the Government's proposed Thriving Kids program.

This discussion added to the work of our Curtin community submission to the parliamentary inquiry reviewing the program, to which I also provided in-person evidence.

For International Day of People with Disability, I was pleased to meet Paralympian Ellie Cole AO (pictured) to celebrate her new children's book about friendship and celebrating our differences.



INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES



MEDICAL RESEARCH

## Pushing for funding for world-class researchers

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) was established to provide a sustainable funding stream for life-changing medical research.

This \$24 billion fund only disburses \$650 million per year – far less than originally intended. Curtin's world-class medical researchers have important projects on hold because the MRFF is restricted by an arbitrary funding cap. I'm working to have more money distributed to local researchers to advance research on childhood diseases, Indigenous children's health, diabetes, heart disease and cancer therapy – exactly the kinds of projects the MRFF was created to support.

## Standing with our community

Like many people, I have fond memories made at Matilda Bay. I shared my love for this special place and heard how much it means to others at the Matilda Bay Rally.

From meeting with the local clubs, I know that building a jetty and ferry terminal in the middle of the Bay will significantly change how it can be used.

I share the community's frustration and disappointment about the inadequate local consultation and lack of transparency in the State Government's decision-making process about the ferry project.



MATILDA BAY FERRY

# OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES



**PERTH MODERN & ST MARY'S**

Grace Sharma is the National Young Historian of the Year! Grace received multiple awards for her entry in the 2025 National History Challenge. Congratulations also to Eve O'Kane from St Mary's Anglican Girls who won the Year 7 Prize.



**JOLIMONT PRIMARY**

Jolimont Primary year 6 students have been participating in the NewsHounds program, which teaches students not to believe everything they see online. Thank you Squizkids for building these critical thinking skills.



**CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH**

I had the opportunity to speak to all the year 10s at Churchlands Senior High School about a topic I am deeply passionate about – civics and active citizenship. We must all work to strengthen and maintain our democracy.



**QUINTILIAN**

Quintilian School celebrated a milestone recently – its 50th birthday! I was pleased to join the school community for cake and the unveiling of the bright 'Quintilian 50' mural created by Maggie Thornton.



**SHENTON COLLEGE**

Lachlan Broomhall is one of 25 students nationally to participate in the Australian Olympic Change-Maker Program, for demonstrating outstanding initiative and leadership on sustainability in sport.



**DEANMORE + YULUMA PRIMARY**

The students of Deanmore and Yuluma Primary schools asked great questions when they visited Parliament House. The students travelled together to undertake their Canberra Study Tour, and had a great looking tour jacket.



**NEWMAN COLLEGE**

I visited the year 11 Politics and Law class at Newman College, to discuss my role as an Independent MP, parliamentary processes and current issues we're facing in Australia.



**COTTESLOE PRIMARY**

Cottesloe Primary's 'Active Transport' day saw 80 percent of students cycling, scooting and walking to school. The initiative promotes safe travel for students who live within 1.5 km of the school.

## COLOURING IN COMPETITION

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